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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA WILL ONLY ONLY SUPPORT PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS EVENT WITH EU CONSENSUS

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points to Veronika Lombardini, Director of MFA's Department for Human Rights and the Council of Europe. Lombardini said the EU will discuss support for a prisoners of conscience public affairs event again at a meeting on July 8, but that Slovakia will not support such an event on a bilateral basis. Lombardini said Slovakia has vocally supported such an event among EU partners, but rationalized that, as a small state, Slovakia would lose credibility in the future if it was seen to ignore the EU's decision by lending support irrespective of EU consensus.

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